

## United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

56 NW Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303  
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Number of Judgeships: 12

Number of Vacancies: 1

Supreme Court Justice: Associate Justice Clarence Thomas

Areas Covered: Alabama, Florida and Georgia

### Court Staff

Circuit Executive **James P. Gerstenlaur** ..... (404) 335-6535  
Clerk of the Court **Thomas K. Kahn** ..... (404) 335-6100  
Education: Michigan 1964 BA;  
Wayne State 1967 JD  
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Education: Bethune-Cookman 1971 BA;  
Atlanta 1974 MA; Georgia 1978 JD  
Chief Circuit Mediator **Donald F. Hawbaker** ..... (404) 335-6260  
Education: Baylor 1977 BA, 1979 JD  
Circuit Librarian **Elaine P. Fenton** ..... (404) 335-6500  
Education: Emory 1970 BA, 1972 MLS

### Chambers of Chief Judge Joel F. Dubina

U.S. Courthouse, One Church Street, Montgomery, AL 36104  
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**Joel F. Dubina**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: October 26, 1947  
Education: Alabama 1970 BS; Cumberland 1973 JD  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert E. Varner, United States District Court (1973-1974)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (1983-1986); Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama (1986-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Jones, Murray, Stewart & Yarbough (1974-1983)

**Military Service:** Alabama Air National Guard (1969-1974)

### Staff

Law Clerk **Brian Church** ..... (334) 954-3560  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Scott Grubman** ..... (334) 954-3560  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Sarah Stevens** ..... (334) 954-3560  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Education: Georgia 2008 JD  
Law Clerk **Annabelle Wilder** ..... (334) 954-3560  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Career Law Clerk **Ruth Williamson** ..... (334) 954-3560  
Education: Alabama 1989 JD  
Judicial Assistant **Debbie Venable** ..... (334) 954-3560

### Chambers of Circuit Judge J. L. Edmondson

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Tel: (404) 335-6230 Fax: (404) 335-6238

**J. L. Edmondson**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Emory 1968 BA; Georgia 1971 JD; Virginia 1990 LLM  
Began Service: June 9, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Instructor, School of Law, The University of Georgia (1975-1984)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Sidney O. Smith, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1971-1973)

**Government:** Member, Chambers of Member J. L. Edmondson, Judicial Conference of the United States (2002-2009)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2002-2009)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Webb, Fowler, Tanner & Edmondson (1973-1981); Member, Tennant, Davidson & Edmondson P.C. (1982-1986)

### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Gail S. Harbour** ..... (404) 335-6230  
Education: Simmons 1972 BA; Columbia 1975 JD  
Secretary **Margie Browning** ..... (404) 335-6230

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat

56 NW Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303  
Tel: (904) 301-6570 Fax: (904) 301-6580

**Gerald Bard Tjoflat**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Duke 1957 LLB  
Began Service: 1975  
Appointed By: President Gerald Ford

**Judicial:** Judge, Florida Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit (1968-1970); Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida (1970-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Howell & Kirby (1957-1958); Partner, Adams & Tjoflat (1958-1960); Partner, Botts, Mahoney, Whitehead, Ramsaur & Hadlow (1960-1968)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Jacksonville Bar Association

### Staff

Law Clerk **Katie Burke** ..... (904) 301-6570  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
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Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Julie Edelstein** ..... (904) 301-6570  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Brian Eyink** ..... (904) 301-6570  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Law Clerk **Steven Fairchild** ..... (904) 301-6570  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: August 2010  
Secretary **Barbara A. Lay** ..... (904) 301-6570

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Stanley Francis Birch, Jr.

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Tel: (404) 335-6333

**Stanley Francis Birch, Jr.**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Virginia 1967 BA; Emory 1970 JD, 1976 LLM  
Began Service: 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Sidney O. Smith, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1972-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Greer, Sartain & Carey (1974-1976); Deal, Birch, Jarrard & Link (1976-1983); Birch, Hartness & Link (1983-1985); Vaughan, Davis, Birch & Murphy (1985-1990)

**Military Service:** Vietnam Veteran, Army Special Forces, United States Army (1970-1972)

**Current Memberships:** Atlanta Bar Association; Eleventh Circuit Historical Society; Federal Bar Association; Gainesville Northeastern Bar Association; Lawyers Club of Atlanta, Inc.; Old War Horse Lawyers' Club; State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Bar Foundation, State Bar of Georgia; The Supreme Court Historical Society

### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Kembra L. Smith** ..... (404) 335-6333  
Education: Woodrow Wilson JD  
Career Law Clerk **Angelica Woo** ..... (404) 335-6333  
Executive Administrator **Agatha Ellis** ..... (404) 335-6333

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Susan Harrell Black

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**Susan Harrell Black**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Florida State 1965 BA; Florida 1967 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM  
Began Service: August 12, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Attorney, Corps of Engineers, United States Army (1968-1969); Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, State of Florida (1969-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Duval County Court (1973-1975); Judge, Florida Circuit Court (1975-1979); Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1979-1992)

**Current Memberships:** American Inns of Court Foundation, The American Inns of Court; The Chester Bedell American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; The Florida Bar; Jacksonville Bar Association

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Judicial Administrator **Sandra Madison** ..... (904) 301-6610

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Edward Carnes

U.S. Courthouse, One Church Street, Room 403, Montgomery, AL 36104  
Tel: (334) 954-3580

**Edward Carnes**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Alabama 1972 BS; Harvard 1975 JD  
Began Service: October 2, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General (1975-1992)

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Edward Carnes continued

#### Staff

Executive Administrator **Blanche Baker** ..... (334) 954-3580

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett

99 NE Fourth Street, Suite 1223, Miami, FL 33132  
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#### Rosemary Barkett

Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Spring Hill 1967 BS; Florida 1970 JD  
Began Service: April 24, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Faculty Member, National Judicial College; Teacher, Elementary and Junior High Schools; Florida Judicial College; Appellate Judges Seminar; Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University; Presenter, Legal Judicial Seminars, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan and China

**Judicial:** Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit (1979-1982); Administrative Judge, Civil Division, Florida Circuit Court, 15th Judicial District (1982-1983); Chief Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida (1983-1984); Appellate Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Fourth District (1984-1985); Justice, Florida Supreme Court (1985-1992); Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court (1992-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1971-1979)

**Nonprofit:** Moderator, Justice & Society Seminars, The Aspen Institute

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Federal Judges Association; Florida Association for Women Lawyers; The Florida Bar; International Women's Forum; National Association of Women Judges; United States Association of Constitutional Law

#### Staff

Judicial Administrator **Miriam Thomas** ..... (305) 536-7335

### Chambers of Circuit Judge Frank M. Hull

56 Forsyth Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303  
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**Frank M. Hull**  
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Randolph-Macon 1970 BA; Emory 1973 JD  
Began Service: October 3, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Elbert P. Tuttle, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1973-1974)

**Judicial:** Judge, State Court of Fulton County (1984-1990); Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Fulton County, Atlanta Judicial Circuit (1990-1994); Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1994-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy LLP (1974-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Order of the Coif; State Bar of Georgia

#### Staff

Law Clerk **Ashley Filip** ..... (404) 335-6550  
Began Service: August 2009  
Term Expires: September 2010  
Law Clerk **Jason King** ..... (404) 335-6550  
Began Service: 2007  
Law Clerk **Adam Marlowe** ..... (404) 335-6550  
Began Service: 2009

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